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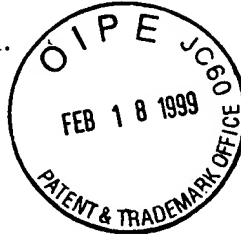
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Title : PROTECTIVE HELMET AND CHIN STRAP ATTACHMENT
DEVICE THEREFOR



Group Art Unit: 3741

Examiner: M. Neas

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Sir :

Further to the telephone conversation between Examiner Neas and Mr. William E. Lyddane on February 18, 1999 regarding a lack of an indication from the Examiner that the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 8, 1997 was considered and the possibility that the papers may have been misplaced, please find attached a signed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed October 8, 1997, a copy of the form PTO-1449 filed therewith, copies of the patent documents and Search Report submitted therewith, and a copy of the mailroom date stamped receipt evidencing the filing of the same on October 8, 1997.

No fee is enclosed as no fee was necessary with the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on October 8, 1997, which was filed within three months of the filing date of the

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above-noted application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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PATENT APPLICATION
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Appln. No. : 08/860,466

I.A. Filed : December 29, 1995

For : PROTECTIVE HELMET AND CHIN
STRAP ATTACHMENT DEVICE THEREOF)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following materials were cited in a search report in the international application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants have described below comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

French Patent Publication No. 2 539 011 (NOLAN S.P.A.), published on July 13, 1984, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 3, 8, 12, and 13 of Applicants' international application. Page 1, lines 20-35; page 2, line 23, to page 3, line 5; page 3, lines

14-26; claims 1, 4; and Figs. 1-4 of FR '011 are cited as being relevant.

French Patent Publication No. 2 271 781 (COENEN), published on December 19, 1975, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 3, and 11-14 of Applicants' international application. Page 4, lines 12-28; claims 1, 4, 5; and Figs. 5 and 6 of FR '781 are cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,990,113 (COENEN), issued on November 9, 1976, is cited on the annex of the search report as being a family member of FR '781.

U.S. Patent No. 4,398,306 (GOODING), issued on August 16, 1983, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 8 of Applicants' international application. Column 2, line 36, to column 4, line 12, and the figures of US '306 are cited as being relevant.

German Patent Publication ("Gebrauchsmuster") No. 78 18 728 (HANS RÖMER GMBH & CO), published on September 28, 1978, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of DE '728 is cited as being relevant.

British Patent Publication No. 544,383 (LASTEX YARN AND LACTRON THREAD LIMITED), published on April 10, 1942, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of GB '729 is cited as being relevant.

French Patent Publication No. 1,046,423 (BRITISH MOULDED PLASTICS LIMITED), published on December 7, 1953, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of FR '423 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 4,897,888 (BROERSMA et al.), issued on February 6, 1990, is cited

as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of US '888 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 3,225,401 (DAVIS), issued on December 28, 1965, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of US '401 is cited as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 4,539,736 (YOKOSUKA), issued on September 10, 1985, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document), but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' international application. No specific portion of US '736 is cited as being relevant.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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